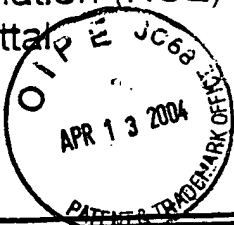


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Application Number	09/925,673
Filing Date	August 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masakatsu KANEKO
Art Unit	1623
Examiner Name	Howard Owens, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	01376CIP/HG

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

☒ REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other: REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICANTS' CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119 AND RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other FORM PTO/SB/122 - Customer No. 01933

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.138 and 1.17)

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iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit-card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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